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SUBJECT: STATUS OF JAYAPRAKASH NARAYAN

REF: NEW DELHI 15094

1. NARAYAN HAS BEEN RELEASED ON ONE MONTH PAROLE. CLOSE ASSOCIATE OF J.P. SAW MRS. GANDHI NOV. 13 AND CONCLUDED PM HAD NO INTENTION OF RELEASING OTHER PRISONERS AND SEEMED PREPARED TO PUT J.P. BACK INTO CUSTODY SHOULD HIS HEALTH IMPROVE.

2. NARAYAN DID NOT SIGN OR AGREE TO ANY CONDITIONS FOR THE PAROLE GRANTED HIM AND REPORTEDLY RESENTS THE GOI'S ASSERTION THAT HE HAS BEEN RELEASED ON PAROLE. ALTHOUGH HE IS NOMINALLY "FREE" AT THIS TIME, ALL REQUESTS FOR APPOINTMENTS TO VISIT HIM IN THE GOVT HOSPITAL IN CHANDIGARH HAVE TO BE APPROVED BY THE DISTRICT COMMISSIONER AND POLICE SECURITY AROUND HIS ROOM REMAINS UNALTERED FROM WHEN HE WAS FORMALLY UNDER ARREST.

3. DOCTORS IN THE CHANDIGARH HOSPITAL DO NOT BELIEVE HE

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HAS A MALIGNANCY BUT NARAYAN'S BROTHER HAS BEEN SPREADING

THE INFORMATION WIDELY THAT A MALIGNANCY IS SUSPECTED BE-
CAUSE OF A CONTINUING DULL STOMACH PAIN. NEW DELHI
DOCTORS FAMILIAR WITH NARAYAN'S HEALTH BELIEVE HE HAS LIVERY
PROBLEMS AS WELL AS A DEFECTIVE KEDNEY. A VISITOR TO
NARAYAN NOV. 13 DESCRIBED HIM AS VERY WEAK, WITH EDXEMA IN
LEGS AND FACE. NARAYAN WAS REPORTEDLY VERY DEPRESSED
MENTALLY AND EATING POORLY AND THE COMBINATION OF ALL THE
ABOVE SYMPTONS LED THE GOVT TO AGREE TO HIS TEMPORARY
PAROLE. OUR VERY LATEST INFORMATION (NOON NOV. 14) IS THAT
NARAYAN'S SPIRITS APPEAR TO BE IMPROVING.

4. CURRENT PLANS ARE FOR NARAYAN TO COME TO NEW DELHI FOR
EXAMINATION AT THE ALL-INDIA MEDICAL INSITUTE IN THE NEXT
THREE OR FOUR DAYS IF HIS CONDITION PERMITS. NARAYAN HIMSELF
THEN HOPES TO BE ABLE TO RETURN TO PATNA. IT CONTINUES TO
SEEM UNLIKELY, HOWEVER, THAT HE WILL BE ABLE TO RETURN TO
ANY POLITICAL ACITIVITY.

5. THE PRESS REMAINS UNDER STRICT INJUNCTION TO PRINT NO
FURTHER NEWS ABOUT NARAYAN'S HEALTH OR ACTIVITY.
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